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MISS LOTTIE BANK
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DEAREST LOTTIE:

WELL, I WAS WITH BERT FOR 4 HOURS, AND I LEFT HIM AT 10:10 AM TO-DAY. WE DIDN'T STOP TALKING THE WHOLE TIME. I HEARD STORIES HE AND HIS BUDDIES TOLD THAT SOUND IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE. THEY'RE EATING LIKE KINGS ON THE SHIP, AND SLEEPING ON MATTRESSES. BERT HASN'T STOPPED EATING SINCE HE WAS FREED. I NEVER SAW ANYONE EAT SO MUCH. HE WEIGHS 180 LBS, AND IS GAINING EVERY DAY. THE DOCTOR ON THE SHIP IS A FRIEND OF OURS FROM U. OF A., AND HE REALLY TAKES CARE OF HIM, STEAKS, FRUIT-JUICE, ETC. I SURE ENJOYED THE MEALS ON THE SHIP.

THEY HAD 3 DIFFERENT USO SHOWS YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT, AND SURE WERE GOOD. THE PX GAVE HIM FREE ANYTHING HE WANTED, AND HE GOT A LOT OF JUNK. THE RED-CROSS SERVED ICE-COLD ORANGE-ADE, COFFEE, COOKIES, FRUIT-CAKE, AND DOUGH NUTS. BOY, DID WE EAT? HE WILL CALL YOU FROM S.F., THEN WILL PROBABLY COME HOME. HE SAID HE SURE WOULD BE MAD IF MOTHER WASN'T ALL DRESSED UP.

YOU WILL NEVER KNOW HOW THRILLED I WAS TO SEE HIM LOOKING SO GOOD. HE HAS ONLY 1 SMALL SCAR, ON HIS HAND, WHEN HE JUMPED OUT OF THE CAR IN 1941. IT'S NOT BAD. THE ONLY THING HE HAS, THAT HE TOOK WITH HIM, IS HIS DOG-TAGS. THEY GAVE HIM A LOT OF NEW CLOTHES, INCLUDING A NICE OVERCOAT.

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON. LT. MITCHEL, WHO WORKED IN THE DEAN'S OFFICE, CAME TO SEE HIM. LOVE,

Harold